



*Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Montessori School of Iowa City is to provide excellence in education for children ages three to nine through child-directed hands-on activities*

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**Montessori School of Iowa City Newsletter**  
**December 15, 2006**  
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**Snow or Ice Can Cause School Delay or Closure**  
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Snow and ice sometimes causes school to be closed, delayed or dismissed early. In the event any of these become necessary, we will do what the Iowa City School District does. To determine if school will be closed, delayed or dismissed early, listen to local television and radio stations for any information on the Iowa City Community School District. There will not be a separate announcement for the Montessori School. You may also call the school to check the voice message.

When school is delayed in the morning, please be aware of the following. If there is a one hour delay children who normally arrive at 7:30 AM will be delayed until 8:30 AM, and those who begin at 8:45 AM will be delayed until 9:45 AM. If there is a two hour delay, children who normally arrive at 7:30 AM will be delayed until 9:30 AM and morning only children will not have school that day.

**Winter Vacation Starts December 20**  
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Winter vacation starts next Wednesday December 20th. The vacation lasts for two weeks. Students return to school on Wednesday January 3rd.

**Pink Tower For The Holidays**  
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Have you noticed our pink Tower Wish List in the lobby? A large scale pink Montessori Tower has been decorated with flags containing "wishes" from our school for holiday giving. This is a great way to find gift ideas for your teachers and your child's classroom. Your gifts are tax deductible. If you would like a tax deduction form, please check with Judy or Gordon.

**Aisle of Lights**

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The school will take part in the City of Coralville's 26th Annual Luminaria Tour. It will start at 5:30 PM on Sunday December 17th. Plan to take part in this festive evening.

**No School On January 15th**

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We will not have school on Monday January 15th. The staff will be having a work day.

**Warm Clothes**

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Just a reminder, children go outside often during the winter. In addition to a warm coat and hat they need snow pants, boots and mittens. Please remember to put your child's name on each item.

**January Lunch Menu**

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The January lunch menu is on our web site.

**From The Spanish Classroom**

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In Spanish class, the preschoolers have been learning about Las Posadas and the legend of the Poinsettia. Click on the links to read more about this important Mexican holiday tradition and a story about the Poinsettia flower. The preschoolers learned a version of the Poinsettia legend as told by Tomie de Paola in "The Legend of the Poinsettia." It is a great story available at your local libraries. Check it out!

**Happy Holidays**

